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On 18 December 1950, Willi Parth, President of the Berlin regional railroad headquarters said that 2½ million participants were expected for the International Youth Rally scheduled to be held in Berlin on Whitsunday 1951. The German State Railroads were assigned the task of providing transportation for about two million youths, an assignment which could not be executed because of the inadequate stock of locomotives available in the zone. *

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* Comment. According to press reports, this International Youth Rally is not scheduled for Whitsuntide but for the period from 5 to 19 August 1951, with an attendance of from 1½ to 2 million. The transportation of such a large number of youths, many times more than attended the FDJ Whitsun Rally in 1950, would require extensive preparations by the Soviet Zone railroads. Although the completion of the recently constructed railroad bypasses around the Western Sectors of Berlin has improved operating conditions since last year, the volume of traffic to be handled in connection with the planned international rally will impose a critical strain on the Soviet Zone railroad system.

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